

## *Associate of Applied Science Degree: LPN Transition*

**AREA:** Nursing

**DEGREE:** Associate of Applied Science Degree: LPN Transition

**LENGTH:** Three semesters following completion of all admission requirements

**PURPOSE:** The LPN to ADN Transition program is designed to prepare LPNs, with current unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the opportunity to pursue a curriculum which will provide them with an Associate of Applied Science Degree and eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is designed to prepare students for the role as an entry level registered nurse. Students will integrate the art of nursing skills with the science of health education in order to provide holistic client care. Opportunities for the entry level RN include employment in a myriad of health care settings.

**TRANSFER GUIDELINES:** Transfer opportunities for associate of applied science degrees, if existing, are very specific in nature. Students enrolling in an applied science degree with plans to transfer should explore opportunities with an advisor.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Requirements for admission to the LPN to ADN Transition program are specific and admission is selective and competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the ADN program. Applicants not selected for the program must complete and resubmit a new application packet each year. Applicants for the LPN transition/ADN program are selected one time per academic year. Students considering the LPN transition/ADN program are required to successfully complete the general admission requirements earning a "C" or better in all required admission work by the time the nursing application is submitted.

1. Application to Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) & nursing program.
2. LFCC placement tests (if required) and completion of any developmental work that may be identified by the placement test. Must place into ENG 111 and show proficiency in MTE 1-6.
3. Graduation from high school or satisfactory completion of the certificate of general education development (GED or equivalent); official copy required.
4. One unit of high school biology and one unit of high school chemistry; or college equivalents (BIO 101, CHM 101 or CHM 111).

5. BIO 141, 142 & 150 must have been completed within the past 8 years.
6. Meet certain computer competencies prior to entering the nursing program. Applicants are required to review and sign the, "Essential Computer Competency Checklist." Students without the required skill set are encouraged to enroll in ITE 115.
7. A GPA of 2.5 or higher based on the twelve most recent college credits completed by the end of fall semester prior to submitting a nursing application.
8. Completion of required admission assessment exam (HESI LPN to RN entrance exam) at or above the established benchmark of 850.
  - HESI LPN to RN entrance exam will be available at three LFCC locations. Testing is by appointment only, usually beginning in early January. January and February will be for initial testing only with retakes in March. Please go to [www.lfcc.edu](http://www.lfcc.edu) to schedule an appointment at the Middletown, Fauquier campus or Luray-Page County Center.
  - **Nursing entrance exams are good for 2 application cycles only. Note: Needed entrance exam scores change on a yearly basis.**
9. Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved practical nursing program and evidence of a current unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
10. Submit official transcripts from other institutions to LFCC Admissions and Records for evaluation for transfer credit. Another official transcript from the other institutions must be submitted with the Commonwealth of Virginia.
11. **Admission requirements** must be completed by spring application (includes remedial work for Math or English, high school biology and chemistry or the college equivalent). Student may be enrolled in spring general education courses (see below) and receive a conditional acceptance based upon successful completion of these courses (with a grade of C or better). It is the responsibility of the student to verify with the nursing department successful completion of these courses.

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### General Education Courses:

Course	Title	Credits
SDV 101/100	Orientation to Health Professions	1
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking (CST 110 or 138 may substitute for CST 100)	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology (SOC 207 may substitute for SOC 200)	3
PHI 220	Ethics (PHI 227 Bio-Medical Ethics may substitute for PHI 220)	3
BIO 141	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 142	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIO 150	Introduction to Microbiology	4
HLT 130	Nutrition and Diet Therapy*	2

\*Nutrition requirement to be implemented for the 2016 application cycle.

Pre-Nursing students are **strongly encouraged** to attend one of the nursing information sessions. Please use the link to view the nursing information session dates and location: <http://www.lfcc.edu/area-of-study/areas-pf-study-a-to-z/health-professions-977/nursing/nursing-information-sessions/index.html>

### Upon acceptance to the ADN program the student must:

- Submit a completed physical history and examination, including immunizations.
- Provide proof of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by the American Heart Association/Healthcare Provider Course.
- Complete a criminal background check and drug screening and conducted by the college-designated contractor. Information will be provided at orientation. The costs of the background check and the drug screen are the responsibility of the student.
- Comply with all rules and guidelines of the LFCC Nursing Student Handbook and the LFCC Student Handbook.

- Sign an agreement which releases all clinical agencies and their employees, Lord Fairfax Community College, The Virginia Community College System and the Commonwealth of Virginia from any liability for any injury or death to the student or damage to his/her property arising out of agreement of use of facilities associated with the nursing program.
- Nursing students enrolled in nursing courses are required to purchase malpractice insurance. Students may purchase malpractice insurance from independent providers.

Failure to meet requirements will be cause for administrative withdrawal of the student from the nursing program. Upon acceptance into the Nursing program, the LPN to ADN Transition student receives 150 clinical hours per the licensure by credit agreement.

Successful completion of the required 28 NUR credits with a minimum grade of "C" in all courses is required for the ADN.

**APPROVAL:** The LFCC LPN Transition/ADN program is approved by the State Board for Community Colleges, the Virginia Board of Nursing, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, (SACSCOC) and State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Acceptance into the LPN Transition/ADN program is required to enroll in NUR courses.

Course#	Title	Credits
<b>First Semester (Summer)</b>		
NUR 115	LPN Transition	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester (Fall)</b> Completion of all first semester courses with grade of "C" or better		
NUR 214	Second Level Nursing IV	7
NUR 180	Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>

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**Third Semester (Spring)** Completion of all second semester courses with grade of "C" or better

NUR	213	Second Level Nursing III	8
NUR	255	Nursing Organization Management	2
NUR	200	Essentials of Mental Health Nursing	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
		<b>Program Total</b>	<b>28</b>